

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1, and 3-24 will remain pending in the above-identified application and stand ready for further action on the merits.

In this Amendment, claim 1 has been further amended to insert the originally recited “*wherein the flame retardant composition contains 0.1-60 parts by weight of the component (A) and 99.9-40 parts by weight of the component (B) in 100 parts by weight of the component (A) and the component (B) in total*” back into claim 1. The phrase was unintentionally deleted from original claim 1 by the Applicants, when advising the undersigned’s office of the amendments to the claims to be filed on July 24, 2009. The deletion was thus unintended, and is therefore reversed by way of the instant supplemental amendment.

Accordingly, the present amendment to claim 1 does not introduce new matter into the application as originally filed. As such entry of the instant amendment and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited at present.

It is also noted that instantly amended claim 1 (*and its dependent claims*) remain patentable over the cited art of record being applied against the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) [*viz.*, **Nakacho et al.** (WO 00/09518; which corresponds to US 6,528,559) and **Harashina et al.** (WO 03/046085; which corresponds to US 2005/0004292)].

Conclusion

Based on the amendments above and remarks presented in the Amendment filed on July 24, 2009, the USPTO is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance in the matter of

the instant application clearly indicating that each of instantly pending claims 1, and 3-24 are allowed and patentable under the provisions of Title 35 of the United States Code.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey, Reg. No. 32,881 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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